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SUBJECT: US/FRG PLANNING TALKS

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1. EMBOFFS WENT OVER DEPARTMENT'S
SUGGESTIONS FOR SCHEDULE AND SUBSTANCE OF PLANNING
TALKS AS SET OUT IN REFTEL WITH GUENTER JOETZE, BLECH'S
DEPUTY, ON FEBRUARY 25. US SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN PUT
TO BELCH, WHO CONCURS GENERALLY AND HAS MADE ONLY
MINOR SUGGESTIONS FOR CHANGE.

SCHEDULE

2. FONOFF PROPOSES FOLLOWING TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

10:15 A.M. MESSRS. LORD AND BARTHOLOMEW ARRIVE
BERLIN. MET AT TEGEL AIRPORT BY
BLECK AND COLLEAGUES, WHO WILL HAVE
ARRIVED IN BERLIN SHORTLY BEFORE.
PROCEED TO HOTEL.

LATE MORNING COURTESY CALL AT BERLIN SENAT.

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12:30 P.M. LUNCHEON GIVEN BY BERLIN SENAT
(THIS IS TENTATIVE AND HAS NOT YET
BEEN WORKED OUT WITH BERLIN
OFFICIALS.)

2:30 P.M. TOUR OF WEST BERLIN AND EAST BERLIN,
TO BE ARRANGED BY US MISSION IN
COORDINATION WITH EMBASSY BERLIN.

8:00 P.M. BERLIN PHILHARMONIC, FOLLOWED BY
DINNER TO BE ARRANGED (JOETZE
THOUGHT GROUP MIGHT PREFER A LATE
DINNER AFTER THE CONCERT.)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

9:00 A.M. INFORMATIONAL TALKS WITH REPRESENTA-
TIVES OF SENAT AND OFFICIALS OF
FRG PERMANENT REPRESENTATION TO THE
GDR.

LUNCH BLECH SUGGESTS A LIGHT LUNCH IN
BERLIN BEFORE LEAVING FOR BONN.

1:00 P.M. DEPART BERLIN VIA BE 4083

2:00 P.M. ARRIVE COLOGNE/BONN AIRPORT.
PROCEED TO HOTEL.

3:30 P.M. FIRST SESSION OF PLANNING TALKS.
(FONOFF EXPECTS THAT ALL TALKS IN
BONN WILL BE HELD AT THE FOREIGN
OFFICE GUEST HOUSE AT VENUSBURG.)

EVENING DINNER HOSTED BY FOREIGN OFFICE

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

10:00 A.M. SECOND SESSION OF PLANNING TALKS.

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AFTERNOON FINAL SESSION OF PLANNING TALKS.

8:00 P.M. DINNER HOSTED BY AMBASSADOR
HILLENBRAND AT THE RESIDENCE.
(COMMENT: FONOFF INFORMS US IT IS
THE CUSTOM IFOR BILATERAL TALKS IN
BONN FOR FONOFF TO HOST ONE MEAL AND
FOR VISITORS' EMBASSY TO PROVIDE A

MEAL ON THE SECOND DAY. IN VIEW OF

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PLAN OF MESSRS. LORD AND BARTHOLOMEW
TO REMAIN IN BONN UNTIL MORNING OF
MARCH 19, BLECH SUGGESTS A DINNER
WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO A LUNCHEON
AND THAT TALKS MIGHT SIMPLY CONTINUE
THROUGHOUT THE DAY WITH ONLY A BRIEF
INTERRUPTION FOR LUNCH. THE
AMBASSADOR IS AGREEABLE AND IS
ACCORDINGLY INVITING THE MEMBERS OF
THE TWO DELEGATIONS TO DINNER.)

AGENDA

3. WHILE AGREEING WITH THE THREE MAJOR TOPICS FOR THE
TALKS AS SUGGESTED BY THE DEPARTMENT, FONOFF SUGGESTS
IT MIGHT BE MORE LOGICAL TO DEVOTE THE WEDNESDAY
AFTERNOON SESSION TO EAST-WEST RELATIONS, AS THIS WOULD
BE A FOLLOW-ON TO THE CONVERSATIONS THAT MORNING IN
BERLIN. THE THURSDAY SESSION WOULD THUS COVER TRANS-
ATLANTIC RELATIONS IN THE MORNING AND NORTH-SOUTH
RELATIONS IN THE AFTERNOON.

4. BLECH IS AGREEABLE TO ALL FIVE OF THE SUBTOPICS

UNDER EAST-WEST RELATIONS AS SET OUT IN PARA 8, REFTEL
BUT SUGGESTS ONE MODIFICATION IN THE TOPIC "BALANCE
SHEET ON AND PROSPECTS FOR DETENTE IN EUROPE." HE
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THOUGHT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE FOR THE ITEM TO BE
TITLED "BALANCE SHEET AND PROSPECTS FOR DETENTE
(A) IN EUROPE (FRG LEAD) AND (B) GLOBALLY (US LEAD).

5. BLECH SUGGESTS REVISING THE ORDER OF THE THREE
SUBTOPICS UNDER TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS (PARA 7, REFTEL)
AS FOLLOWS:

- A. COHESION OF THE ALLIANCE;
- B. WESTERN EUROPEAN UNIFICATION;
- C. STATE OF US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS.

HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD PROVIDE A MORE LOGICAL SEQUENCE
FOR DISCUSSION. IN ADDITION, HE SUGGESTS THAT THE US
TAKE THE LEAD IN ITEM (C) IN PART BECAUSE THE
GERMAN PLANNING STAFF HAS NO ECONOMIC EXPERTISE AND
BELIEVES THAT MR. BARTHOLOMEW MIGHT BE BETTER QUALIFIED
TO MAKE THE OPENING PRESENTATION ON THIS SUBJECT.

6. WITH REGARD TO THE FINAL SUBTOPIC UNDER NORTH-SOUTH
RELATIONS (THE EAST-WEST DIMENSION OF NORTH-SOUTH
ISSUES), JOETZE INITIALLY COMMENTED THAT THE GERMANS
HAD HAD SOME EXPERIENCE IN DISCUSSING THIS TOPIC AFTER
BLECH INITIALLY BROACHED THE IDEA AND HAD FOUND THERE
REALLY WAS NOT MUCH TO SAY ABOUT IT. BLECH HAS
NEVERTHELESS SUGGESTED THAT IT BE LEFT ON THE AGENDA IN
THAT IT WOULD AT LEAST BE USEFUL TO IDENTIFY THE
PROBLEMS. THE GERMANS ALSO HAVE SOME MISGIVINGS ABOUT
THE SUBTOPIC ON "FRG FOREIGN POLICY OUTSIDE EUROPE,"
IN THAT MULTILATERAL ASPECTS WILL BE COVERED UNDER OTHER
SUBTOPICS AND THERE IS NOT A GREAT DEAL TO BE SAID ABOUT
GERMAN BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES.
HERE AGAIN, HOWEVER, BLECH WAS AGREEABLE TO LEAVING
THE ITEM ON THE AGENDA AS A MEANS OF IDENTIFYING THE
ISSUES.

ARRANGEMENTS

7. EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE FSO HERBERT WILGIS.
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RESERVATIONS CONFIRMED AT EMBASSY GUEST HOUSE FOR
ENTIRE PARTY NIGHTS OF MARCH 17 AND 18.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S REACTION
TO ARRANGEMENTS AS SPELLED OUT ABOVE, INCLUDING
SUGGESTED CHANGES IN ORDER OF DISCUSSION AND IN LEAD-
OFF ON SPECIFIED SUBTOPICS OF AGENDA.
HILLENBRAND

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